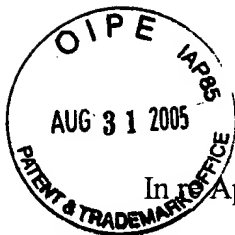


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In Application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 28, 2005, the period for response to which having been extended to August 29, 2005 (Monday) by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 44 and 97 to 103. The Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

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Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining three groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be an undue burden in examining the claims of Groups I, II and III in a single application, since the three groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

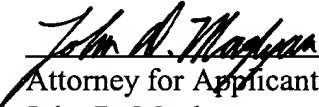
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Regarding a formal matter, it is respectfully requested for the Examiner to indicate that the art cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated May 2, 2002, October 24, 2002 and November 19, 2002 has been considered.

In addition, it is respectfully requested for the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the United Kingdom priority application filed in this case on February 27, 2002.

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